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Muskegon Casino update Politics as usual



The LRBOI Muskegon Casino project is still strongly supported in West Michigan but has hit (political) snags in Lansing.

Are you or someone you know interested in the status of a position at LRBOI?

The LRBOI Human Resource Department along with the LRBOI IT Department (Thanks to the LRBOI IT Department!) have made some changes to the LRBOI Human Resource Department web page.

Our goal is to continually update the site with updated information as to where we are at with LRBOI posted positions. The jobs will remain posted on the website but now there is an added column of status date. We have included a key below the job postings to explain the color codes being used.

Here is a brief explanation of the changes:



If a position is posted and we are still accepting applications for the position it will be in **green** and TBD (to be determined) will be the status date.



If a position is in **yellow** it means that we are in process of determining selection dates and when a selection date has been set the date will be posted in the status date column. The selection process is when all applications are reviewed by a committee to determine if applicants meet the minimum qualifications for a position.



If a position is in **blue** it means that we have set a date for interviews for the position and the date the interviews are to be held will be posted in the status date column.



If a position is in **red** it means the position has been filled, meaning that a job offer has been made to a chosen candidate and accepted by the candidate. The date the job offer has been accepted will be in the status date column.

LaPorte off to DC



Law enforcement representatives from a number of agencies attended a luncheon to honor Tribal Public Safety Director who has left the tribe for a great opportunity in Washington D.C.

Aanii:

Our Muskegon Casino project has hit some snags at the state level. Our amendment has been held up in a committee of the House of Representatives for some time now and an effort to get it released from the committee failed on August 25th. Political setbacks are not uncommon, however, they are frustrating. Being an election year for state offices isn't in our favor either. Support from West Michigan remains strong. We are now taking steps to overcome those obstacles and hope to see movement within the next couple of months. We'll keep you posted. On August 25th Tribal Council passed the new Casino Board of Director's Ordinance which will take effect September 24th. I will have a short time to make my appointments to the Council for them to ratify. I want to give thanks to Mary Thomas and crew for organizing a great company picnic. Many employees attended and had a good time with many activities for adults and children throughout the day. On October 9th we will have our Fall Membership Meeting with the Ogema's Meet and Greet on the Friday night before from 6-8PM. It is my understanding that there will be a yard sale; there should be something in this Currents giving more information. It is my understanding that it will take place on Friday evening and Saturday. With recent changes in voting procedures, the ability for our citizens to achieve a quorum at meetings or have votes necessary to effect changes is now possible. I believe this is a huge victory for our citizens but also a major responsibility. This will also involve a great deal of work putting this in place. I hope citizens interested in shaping our government will register to vote. This is not a time to be apathetic; if you want to help make changes in our government you will need to register. I hope all who register also take the time to read and understand our Constitution; it will be important as we move forward in making necessary changes.



REMEMBER: I'm going to start thinking positive but I know it's not going to work.

"The Fall 2010 Membership Meeting will be videotaped and available for viewing at:
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lrboi-2010-fall-membership-meeting> on the internet."

Fruitport casino plan gets the cold shoulder from Michigan House of Representatives

Eric Gaertner

FRUITPORT TOWNSHIP -- The chances of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians building a casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack site suffered a setback Wednesday. The state House, which is required to concur with a compact amendment allowing the tribe to open an off-reservation casino in Muskegon County, failed to even approve the discharge of the resolution from committee.

State Rep. Doug Bennett's request to have his bill discharged was on the verge of defeat during a House floor vote Wednesday when he had the board cleared and his request withdrawn. Greg McCullough, Bennett's legislative aide, said the roll-call vote was at 53-13 against the discharge when Bennett withdrew his request. Bennett, D-Muskegon Township, introduced the bill in April.

Even if the discharge vote had been approved, the resolution still would require a full House vote on whether to concur with the compact amendment signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Little River Band Ogema Larry Romanelli earlier this year.

McCullough called Wednesday's vote frustrating. Fruitport Township Supervisor Brian Werschem said it was beyond disappointing.

"The delay continues," Werschem said. "I'm a little surprised that the Legislature would stall economic development in West Michigan. We were looking at bringing jobs, entertainment and dollars to this community."

Robert Memberto, Little River Band's commerce director, criticized House Speaker Andy Dillon for listening to lobbyists, other tribes worried about competition for their casinos and the Detroit corporate casinos. Dillon, D-Redford, ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for governor.

"Speaker Dillon is playing politics with jobs," Memberto said.

James Nye, spokesman for three tribes -- the Gun Lake Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Nottaweseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians -- praised the House for not allowing the Muskegon proposal to "do an end run" around an agreement among the tribes that calls for all to agree before off-reservation casinos are proposed.

"Certainly, the support is not there in the Legislature to approve an off-reservation casino," Nye said.

State Rep. Bob Genetski, R-Saugatuck, said he opposed the resolution because it would set precedent for other tribes to open off-reservation casinos and it could become "the casino gaming wild west in Michigan." Genetski's district includes Wayland Township, home to a casino being built by the Gun Lake Tribe.

"Some people may believe there's little harm in allowing one individual change to the tribal compact in Muskegon, but I fear such a move could become a landslide of drastic changes in tribal compacts around the state," Genetski said.

The proposed resolution remains in the Regulatory Reform Committee, which held a hearing in Muskegon this summer. If the House eventually concurs with the resolution, it would move on to the state Senate for its consideration.

The two amendments to the tribe's gambling compact with the state -- one allowing the second casino and the other setting the casino's financial contributions to state and local governments -- would then be sent to the U.S. Department of Interior for its consideration. In addition to the compact amendments, the tribe would need to request the Department of Interior to take land into trust for construction of a casino on the site of the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack.

Memberto said he still believes the tribe's proposed casino in Muskegon County eventually will receive the necessary approvals.

"We feel confident in the end we'll prevail, because it's economics and jobs," Memberto said.

The Little River Band's proposal is estimated to bring 755 create jobs and 418 indirect construction jobs. The average pay for the direct jobs would be \$40,000 plus benefits, tribal officials have said.

Bennett's office is set to continue to work in support of the casino.

"We will regroup," McCullough said. "The opponents of this casino have had three or four

Recorder's Report to Membership- Sept 2010

Gaming Enterprise Boards of Directors Act of 2010: The Council enacted the Gaming Enterprise Board(s) of Directors Act of 2010, during the month of August, with a 30 day implementation date. The Ogema has submitted names to the Tribal Council for appointment, including two members of the Tribal Council, as the Ogema has decided not to fill a seat on the Board himself. At the time of this report, Virgil Johnson and Janine Sam had been the Council Members nominated by the Ogema, in addition to Elaine Porter, Jim Wabindato, and Rose Ludden. The three at large nominations are persons who currently serve as members of the existing Board of Directors created by the previous Act. Both Virgil Johnson and myself will have to undergo an extensive background investigation in order to serve a position on the governing body for the Casino. As of the submission of this report, the nominations are slated to appear on the Tribal Council's September 15, 2010, agenda.

Legislative Priorities review: The Council met to discuss additional laws that are necessary to meet the needs of the Tribe. In addition to the Gaming Board Act, the Gaming Ordinance and Commissions Ordinance were posted as previously reported, for public comment. Public Comment has now closed, but the Warrior's Society Ordinance remains posted at this time. Other priorities include adoption of the Office of Tribal Prosecutor ordinance, Ethics Ordinance, and revisions to the Indian Preference Ordinance. Revising the Constitution remains a priority, as weekly Friday meetings have resumed, to finalize a draft for presentation to the Membership. At this point, the Council has moved through approximately 2/3 of the draft document, with approximately the final 1/3 to finish. Members are welcome to attend work sessions of the Tribal Council, and the Schedule of weekly meetings is available on the Tribe's website under the Council links.

Compensation Project: The Tribal Council met with members of the Human Resources and Operational staff, to review results from an extensive government compensation project. The HR department has started revision wage scales, job descriptions, in an extensive overhaul of current pay structure that has not been revised since approximately 2004. Included in this process are also revisions to the Indian Preference Ordinance, as well as extensive policy revisions. As a new system is developed, periodic updates will appear. Any laws that require adoption or amendment will require a 30 day public comment opportunity, so watch the Currents and Rapid River News.

Roads Development within the Reservation: The Tribal Council received an update from Dan Shepard, Tribal Planner, regarding the improvement of roads within the Reservation areas. Additional Grant funds have been received to help pay for the cost of new roads construction, including the paving of Domres Rd, where the Tribal Court is located.

Upcoming Membership Meeting: The Fall Membership meeting is scheduled for October 9. Hopefully, we will see many people in attendance.

Electronic Updates? If members are interested in receiving additional informational updates, feel free to send an email to me at jmsam@lrboi.com, so that I can create an email distribution list. I had previously requested the distribution list utilized for the Rapid River news, but was not able to obtain individual email listings from Public Information Department, due to privacy concerns. It is my intent to create a legislative weekly bulletin in the near future, so it would be helpful if you would both request to be added if you wish to receive the information, and also let me know what information is important to you as a citizen. I believe it would be helpful for members to receive notices on job postings, and any public comment period announcements for new legislation, as two examples of what I would include in a weekly bulletin. If you think this is a good idea, please contact me at the email listed. Weekly bulletins would be very brief, one page or less.

The meeting attendance report appears for the Month of August. There were 24 meetings held during the month prior to the Legislative Recess during the last week of the month, in addition to the Regular Sessions. Reaffirmation Day is September 21, hope your observance and celebration for that day is fun.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janine M. Sam
Recorder



Aanni,
First, I would like to apologize for not being in Wisconsin for the meet and greet for I had prior obligations. August has been a very busy month. I continue to work with the Housing Task Force and the construction of

seven new homes is looking great. I urge everyone to stop and take a look at these new beautiful homes. Frank Figgles, Dave Cory, Jim Medacco and crew are very dedicated. The Aki Community is growing and the group is looking in to a playground for our children, walking and biking trails and possibly vegetable garden plots. This will be truly a place where you will want to live and can be very proud of. I might be a little prejudice but the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has the BEST housing to offer our citizens.

I attended Nibin Camp on their last day where we enjoyed a cook out and learned a dance. A very special thank you all the volunteers who worked during the two weeks of camp and for planning such wonderful events for our children. Another event in August where council was invited was the employee picnic with many fun games and food was enjoyed by all.

On August 27th I attended the Board of Directors meeting and also the open session which starts at 4 p.m. for anyone who has questions for the Board and this includes employees from the casino. The attendance for open sessions has been declining over the past few months and I encourage all citizens to come and join in the discussions.



Our Elders meal program is up and running on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you are in the area on these days please take the time to come join the elders for good conversation and a well balanced meal.

Until next month, I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Membership meeting on October 9th. If I can be of any assistance to all please email me at sandymezeeske@lrboi.com or call 231-398-6854
Sandy Mezeske

Work Session
Attendance
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Date	Work Session Title	Steve Parsons	Janine Sam	Loretta Beccaria	Candace Chapman	Virgil Johnson	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Lee Sprague	Robert Whiteloon	Total Attending
8/2/2010	Prosecutor Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
8/2/2010	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		9
8/2/2010	Contracting Ordinances	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
8/3/2010	Cemetary in Custer	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	7
8/3/2010	ALJ - Ombudsman	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
8/6/2010	Ogema Weekly Mtg	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
8/6/2010	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
8/7/2010	Budget Comment	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
8/9/2010	Planning Commission	x		x	x	x	x			x	8
8/9/2010	Warrior Society	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	6
8/9/2010	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	7
8/9/2010	GOVT Financial Review	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	8
8/13/2010	Constitutional Amendments	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	8
8/13/2010	TC/Ogema Ethics Ordin	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	7
8/13/2010	Govt. Ctr Task Force/ Concil Finance Review	x	x		x	x	x			x	7
8/13/2010	ALJ - Ombudsman	x	x		x		x			x	4
8/16/2010	Certificate of Rehabilitation			x		x	x	x	x	x	6
8/16/2010	BIA Roads			x		x		x	x	x	5
8/16/2010	Ogema Weekly Mtg	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	8
8/17/2010	TC Priorities	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	8
8/17/2010	Constitutional Amendments	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	7
8/20/2010	TC/Ogema Ethics Ordin			x	x	x	x	x		x	6
8/23/2010	Gaming Board Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
8/23/2010	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
8/23/2010	Compensation Project	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
8/24/2010	Ogema Weekly Mtg	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
	Totals for August 27	24	19	24	23	26	26	17	17	26	

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CASINO SALES!

Casino Warehouse Sale

Open to Tribal Members: October 8 5pm-8pm/ October 9 8am-10am

Open to Public: October 9 10am-3pm

LINENS, CHAIRS, OFFICE EQUIPMENT, LAMPS

FOR ~~YARD~~ SALES



ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR ISSUING OF NEW TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Enrollment Department started issuing on September 1st, 2008 new Tribal Identification Cards. These new cards now have two new line items. The card shows the place where the person was born as well as an Expiration Date. The card is good for five (5) years, from the date the card is issued and then the card will have to be renewed. If the Tribal Member comes into the Enrollment Office a new picture will be taken. If an old picture from the previous card is available it will be added to this new card. The Tribal Member's picture should be updated when the Tribal Card expires in five years, especially children, as they change dramatically in five years.

Steps

1. The New Tribal Identification Card will be issued free of charge the first time.
2. The Second card and any other cards after that will have a charge of \$5.00 (no checks).
3. If a member requests a new I.D. and does not want to come into the office, a new ID without a picture will be issued.



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PROCEDURE TO RECEIVE A TRIBAL I.D.

Purpose: To obtain a Picture Tribal I.D. with an expiration date on it.

Option 1: If the Enrollment Department has a picture of the Tribal citizen already on file, then two forms of documentation will be required from either Category A or Category B below:

Category A

1. Social Security Card
2. Credit Card/Debit Card
3. Bridge Card
4. W-2 or 1099 form
5. Pay stub containing your name and Soc. Security number.
6. Original Birth Certificate
7. U.S. School Record
8. Marriage License
9. Utility Bill
10. State Driver Education Certificate

Category B

1. Previous Tribal I.D. with photo
2. State Drivers License w/photo
3. Valid U.S. Passport w/photo
4. U.S. Military I.D. w/photo
5. State Department of Corrections Prisoner I.D. w/photo
6. U.S. High School or College I.D. w/photo
7. State I.D. w/photo

Option 2: If the Enrollment Department does not have a picture of the Tribal citizen already on file, then two forms of documentation will be required – one from Category A and one from Category B above; or

Option 3: If the Enrollment Department does not have a picture of the Tribal citizen already on file, and if the Tribal citizen does not have a valid form of picture I.D., then three forms of documentation will be required from Category A above.

Parent or Guardian of a child who is below the age of 18 must present their Driver's License or Tribal ID and sign for the applicant.

Individuals living outside of Michigan, must request for a New Tribal ID in writing.

ALL OLD TRIBAL I.D.S WILL BE RETURNED TO THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE.
THESE BELONG TO THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS.

(Jonnie “Jay” Sam, Tribal Historical Preservation Director and former Ogema offered these thoughts as we approach another set of elections.)

Recently I was asked about to do an article about voter registration, voting and its importance. I suppose it’s because I used to write Sovereignty Watch for this very newsletter. I agreed, not because I have the only answers, or the best thoughts, but in hopes I can spark some thought from you, the reader.

First, let me outline a theme I think is crucial to Tribes: Citizen versus Member. I am a Tribal Citizen.

This is the same as many of you. I try to limit the use of the word member when having these discussions or identifying my “Tribal Status”. One of my most often used comments is ‘I am not a Member of the United States, or for that matter Michigan so why am I *only* a member of the Tribe?’

I have always thought the key difference between Citizenship and membership is simple. As a member of the USGA, golf course, Sam’s Club or social organization I am entitled to certain benefits. Although there is a cost to join, it is often a one time or annual deal like dues and nothing more is expected of me. Okay this is not true of all memberships but ‘Membership has its privileges’ to coin a phrase. I am not belittling membership.

But Citizenship, or being a Citizen, that is a wholly different matter. Citizenship carries with it the responsibility of being a citizen. (Huh?) Citizens are responsible for their government and to each other for that government, especially in a democracy. In the past the Tribal Citizens were called to Council and discussed and decided what to do. Every person had a voice, and all were heard. Once a decision was made all were responsible to make it work. Today we have a different system loosely based on that model. How you ask, simply put all Citizens are called upon to vote for persons they believe can express their views in Council or as the Ogema. This is not really so much a right or privilege but a responsibility.

Citizenship is harder than membership. It also denotes a specific place in the current system. Perhaps the reason the Federal Government uses member to describe Tribal Citizenship is to diminish the role or status, and thus the Tribe as a government or sovereign. Now I admit that some things I ponder may be giving too much credit to others, but as a member of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians your status is automatically different than being identified as a Citizen. Even to you when you think of the Tribe and your place in it. Say this once and see if it works: “I am a member of the United States of America.” No? Why would it be acceptable then for Tribes?

It is because Citizenship is hard. A responsible Citizen is as informed as is possible, making the

extra effort to get information they need rather than waiting for it to be given to them. Hearing all arguments, even those you disagree with. The responsible Citizen casts their vote based on their conscience and not just their personal interests. They seek the betterment of all and not benefit for themselves. I have often said the problem with the US Constitution, if there is one, is that it was based on Native American governments, which in turn had natives as citizens, who were responsible. Following the Seven Grandfathers, the way to live a good life, leads to being responsible to those before you and those after you on the circle. Tribal people were responsible to the others in their family, village, clan, and nation for their behavior. The key word in that thought is responsible.

Why you ask does a Citizen owe their vote to their fellow Citizens? “*Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote*”. {George Jean Nathan, most of the time Edmund Burke is cited, but I choose to keep the quotes about government.}

“*Citizenship is what makes a republic; Monarchies can get along without it.*” {Mark Twain} As it is now Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a republic, based on choosing those to speak for you – the Citizen. Oh but to choose you have to vote, and to vote you have to register. Please, I urge you to stop being just a member and become a Citizen. Make the extra effort to Register, and take the responsibility to vote.

For the final thought in this I turn to Thomas Jefferson’s harsh but true assessment: “*People get the Government they deserve.*”

It’s about jobs

Editorial:
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Paula Holmes-Greeley|The Muskegon Chro...
Lawmakers should approve casino compact

What part of economic development don’t Michigan legislators understand?

The unsuccessful attempt last week to discharge a resolution from committee concerning a tribal casino proposed for Muskegon, proves lawmakers have a better understanding of politics than job creation.

Apparently, politics is what’s holding up approval of a compact allowing the development of a casino at the former Great Lakes Downs race course, another gambling venue.

Just to set the record straight, more than 13,000 people were unemployed in Muskegon County in July. Muskegon has either led the state in unemployment or been near the top since December 2008. Yet, a proposal that could generate more than 1,000 jobs and more than \$100 million in investment has been languishing in a House committee since April.

That \$100 million is just the beginning of the economic impact. As The Chronicle Editorial Board has noted before, area economic development officials believe the multiplier effect of the casino project would be double or triple the tribe’s investment.

Salaries for the more than 700 direct jobs that are expected to be created would average \$40,000 plus benefits. About 25 percent of Muskegon County residents do not have health insurance.

Surely, lawmakers — even those who have anti-casino lobbyists sweetening their campaign funds — can see what up to \$400 million would do for the expansion of tourism in Muskegon County. Surely, they can understand the importance of jobs with benefits.

Much of the opposition to the Muskegon casino comes from other casinos, both tribal and corporate. Apparently, they’re worried their current customers won’t go there any more and will visit Muskegon instead.

It’s true many Muskegon residents regularly visit existing casinos. Muskegon residents have made it clear they support gambling. They supported an advisory vote in the city in 2003 by a 54-46 margin to allow a casino. When the state voted to allow three new casinos in Detroit, 52 percent of Muskegon voters supported the measure even though it did not affect this county.

A March 14 Chronicle story found Muskegon County ranks eighth among Michigan’s 83 counties for most money spent on lotto tickets. Muskegon is the 11th most populous county, with about 175,000 residents.

The other tribes’ concerns about off-reservation gambling seem off-base. The Little River Band, which is proposing the Muskegon casino and currently operates Little River Casino in Manistee, is one of only three federally recognized tribes in Michigan that currently does not operate multiple casinos. The tribe has more members living in Muskegon County than in Manistee, another reason to allow the casino.

If another battery factory was proposed for this state, would lawmakers object? Another restaurant, hotel, campground? Another theater, arena or some other tourist attraction?

No. They would let the economy settle the competition issue.

The proposed casino has a long way to go before it becomes a reality. The Little River Band still has to complete multiple studies, including an environmental impact statement, and win approval from the federal Secretary of Indian Affairs for the 60 acres to be taken into “trust.”

But knowing the casino would be a reality in three to five years, would go a long way toward improving Muskegon’s economy. Investors could purchase land and plan construction and employment. Unemployed workers could get training, like they’re doing now for battery plant jobs.

The additional income might even generate more campaign contributions.

Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

Date: August 31, 2010

Contact: Nedra Darling

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Echo Hawk Announces Tribal Consultation on Indian Gaming Land into Trust Determinations

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk today announced that the Indian Affairs Office of Indian Gaming (OIG) will conduct tribal consultation with federally recognized tribes on Indian Gaming Land into Trust Determinations. A letter announcing the meetings was sent to tribal leaders on August 24, 2010.

“I am pleased that Indian Affairs is continuing our consultation with tribes,” Echo Hawk said. “It is critical that we work together with tribes to address important issues regarding Indian Gaming and sovereignty.”

Secretary Salazar issued a directive on July 18, 2010, recommending a thorough review of the “current guidance and regulatory standards” used to make decisions for off-reservation two-part determinations under Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and its implementing regulations. In accordance with the Secretary’s directive, and in keeping with the Department of Interior’s commitment to government-to-government consultation, the OIG will engage with tribal governments on three major subjects: (1) the January 3, 2008 Memorandum regarding Guidance on Taking Off-reservation Land into Trust for Gaming Purposes; (2) whether there is a need to revise any of the provisions of 25 C.F.R. Part 292, Subpart A (Definitions) and Subpart C (Two-Part Determinations); and (3) whether the Department of the Interior’s process of requiring compliance with 25 C.F.R. Part 151 (Land Into Trust Regulations) should come before or after the Two-Part Determination.

The Office of Indian Gaming implements the Secretary’s responsibilities under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The office reviews and approves/disapproves fee-to-trust applications; gaming leases; tribal/state compacts; per capita distributions plans; gaming contracts; Secretarial procedures for class III gaming and requests to game on land acquired in trust after the enactment of IGRA. The office is also charged with developing policies and procedures, providing technical assistance and training in all of the above areas.

The Office of Indian Gaming has scheduled consultations to be held on the following dates:

September 23, 2010. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Hilton Garden Inn Spokane Airport
9015 US 2 or 9015 W. Sunset Hwy.
Spokane, WA 99224
(509) 244-5866

Held on the last day of ATNI Annual Conference
October 21, 2010. 9:00 am -12:00 noon
Mystic Lake Resort & Casino
2400 Mystic Lake Blvd
Prior Lake, MN 55374
(952) 445-9000 or (800) 262-7799

Held following NIGA Conference
October 5, 2010. 9:00 am -12:00 noon
Red Lion Hotel at Arden Village
1401 Arden Way
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 922-8041

November 16, 2010.
1:00 pm-4:00 pm
National Indian Programs Training Center
1011 Indian School Road, NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104
(505) 563-5400

Held concurrently with NCAI Conference
October 14, 2010. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Turning Stone Resort & Casino
5218 Patrick Road
Verona, NY 13478-3012
(315) 361-8248

Held on the last day of USET Conference
November 18, 2010. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Rio Las Vegas Hotel & Casino
3700 West Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89103
(702) 777-7777

Held concurrently with G2E Conference

Comments may be mailed or hand delivered to the Office of Indian Gaming, 1849 C Street N.W., MS-3657-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Please contact the Office of Indian Gaming at (202) 219-4066 for any additional questions you might have about the upcoming meetings. Additional information can be found on the “Current Tribal Consultations” page of the Indian Affairs website at <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/Consultation/index.htm>.

The Tribal Emergency Response team has finished the creation of two vital plans which are part of the tribes' responsibility as a Native Sovereign Nation. Led by the tribal Safety Officer Mary Velikan with the input of the Incident Commander Larry Gibson and Chair of the Emergency Response Team, Director Glenn Zaring and other team members, the LRBOI Mitigation and COOP plans have been completed.

The Mitigation Plan primarily identifies potential hazards or threats to the tribal community and outlines steps which need to be taken to either reduce exposure to the threat or to plans on how to handle the threat if a disaster occurs. As an example, if a potential tornado or windstorm were identified as a threat to the housing area at Aki Maadiziwin, what could be done to minimize damage and keep our people

safe? Each of the potential 'threats' in the Manistee area were identified and coordinated through the county's Emergency Management Office to make sure that all of the resources needed could be brought in. The plan was accepted by the State of Michigan.

The Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) was also drafted during this time frame and was submitted for review to the federal offices responsible. This type of plan helps governments and organizations plan how they will continue operations if a disaster or incident occurs which stops the normal flow of business. As an example, if an incident were to occur that would cut power to the entire region for more than a few days, how would the tribal government keep going and provide essential services to the membership and enterprises?

Calvin Hicks, Continuity of Operations Specialist, DHS/FEMA National Continuity Programs Directorate for Continuity Plans and Preparedness Division complimented the LRBOI plan and has invited tribal representative to attend a conference in March of 2011 and give a presentation of COOP plans in Indian Country.

Ogema Larry Romanelli had this to say about the effort of the team. "I believe this is yet another example of governments working together for the betterment of all. I believe each time we enter into agreements such as these, we strengthen our tribal sovereignty."

The Ogema added, "These agreements address issues too often overlooked until a disaster happens. I am proud of the team for their continued efforts in this area."

Preparedness Month, 2010

A message from Ogema Romanelli....

Over the last several years, your Tribal Emergency Response Team (comprised of government and casino employees) has been working on plans and training that will help us all to get through disasters and incidents which might affect us here in Manistee. Per the Presidential Proclamation below, September is National Preparedness Month.

As Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, I add my voice to that of President Obama and encourage you to take responsibility for your family and community. To learn what steps you can take within your own home and workplace to prepare for incidents and how you too can be part of the solution when we are faced with difficulties.

Zhiitaadaa (Let's Get Ready)

Larry Romanelli

The Ready Campaign

The White House

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release
August 27, 2010

Presidential Proclamation--National

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, 2010
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

During National Preparedness Month, we stress the importance of strengthening the security and resiliency of our Nation through systematic preparation for the full range of hazards threatening the United States in the 21st century, including natural disasters, cyber attacks, pandemic disease, and acts of terrorism. This year marks the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, one of the most tragic and destructive disasters in American history. In remembrance of this national tragedy, we must reaffirm our commitment to readiness and the necessity of preparedness.

By empowering Americans with information about the risks we face, we can all take concrete actions to protect ourselves, our families, our communities, and our country. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Ready Campaign provides simple and practical steps every American can take to be better prepared. At the community level, Citizen Corps enables volunteers to contribute to homeland security efforts by educating, training, and coordinating local activities that help make us safer, better prepared, and more responsive during emergencies. I encourage all Americans to visit Ready.gov and CitizenCorps.gov for more information and resources on emergency preparedness, including how to prepare a family

emergency plan, create an emergency supply kit, and get involved in community preparedness efforts.

My Administration has made emergency and disaster preparedness a top priority, and is dedicated to a comprehensive approach that relies upon the responsiveness and cooperation of government at all levels, the private and nonprofit sectors, and individual citizens. I also encourage Americans to get involved with the thousands of organizations in the National Preparedness Month Coalition, which will share preparedness information and hold preparedness events and activities across the United States. By strengthening citizen preparedness now, we can be ready when disaster strikes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2010 as National Preparedness Month. I encourage all Americans to recognize the importance of preparedness and observe this month by working together to enhance our national security, resilience, and readiness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA



Hand washing: Do's and don'ts

Hand washing is an easy way to prevent infection. Understand when to wash your hands, how to properly use hand sanitizer and how to get your children into the habit.

By Mayo Clinic staff

Frequent hand washing is one of the best ways to avoid getting sick and spreading illness. Hand washing requires only soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer — a cleanser that doesn't require water. Find out when and how to wash your hands properly.

When to wash your hands

As you touch people, surfaces and objects throughout the day, you accumulate germs on your hands. In turn, you can infect yourself with these germs by touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Although it's impossible to keep your hands germ-free, washing your hands frequently can help limit the transfer of bacteria, viruses and other microbes.

Always wash your hands before:

Preparing food
Eating
Treating wounds or giving medicine
Touching a sick or injured person
Inserting or removing contact lenses

Always wash your hands after:

Preparing food, especially raw meat or poultry
Using the toilet
Changing a diaper
Touching an animal or animal toys, leashes or waste
Blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing into your hands
Treating wounds
Touching a sick or injured person
Handling garbage or something that could be contaminated, such as a cleaning cloth or soiled shoes
Of course, it's also important to wash your hands whenever they look dirty.

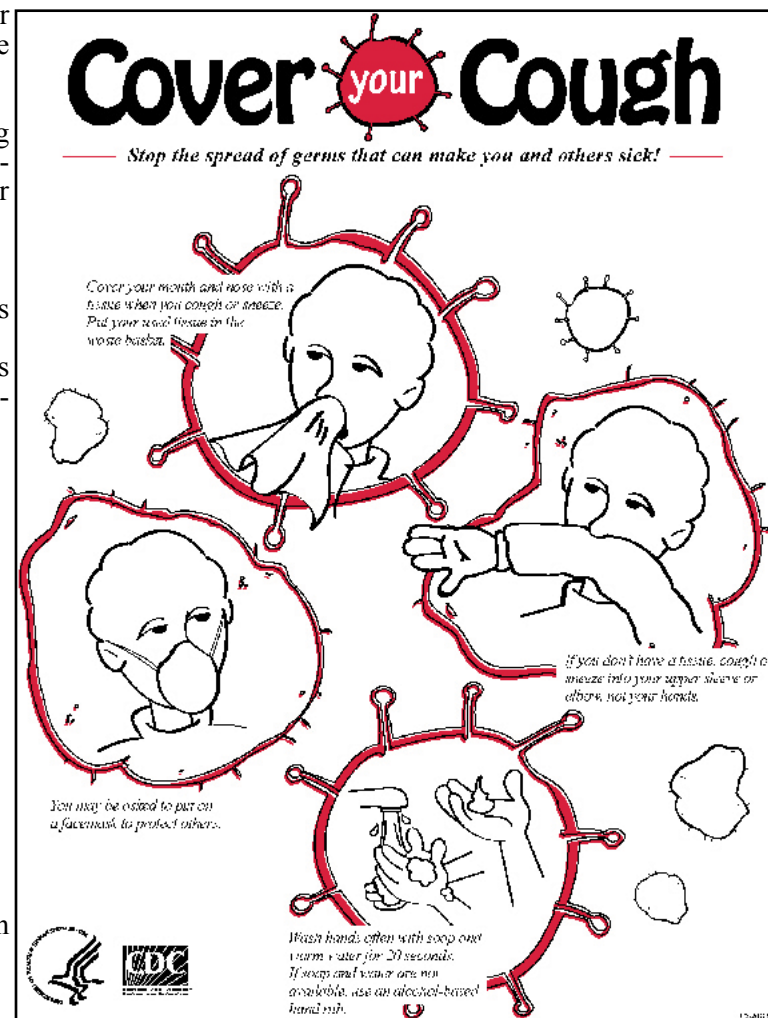
How to wash your hands

It's generally best to wash your hands with soap and water. Follow these simple steps:
Wet your hands with running water.
Apply liquid, bar or powder soap.
Lather well.
Rub your hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Remember to scrub all surfaces, including the backs of your hands, wrists, between your fingers and under your fingernails.
Rinse well.
Dry your hands with a clean or disposable towel or air dryer.
If possible, use your towel to turn off the faucet.
Keep in mind that antibacterial soap is no more effective at killing germs than is regular soap. Using antibacterial soap may even lead to the development of bacteria that are resistant to the product's antimicrobial agents — making it harder to kill these germs in the future.
Kids need clean hands, too
Help your children stay healthy by encouraging them to wash their hands properly and frequently. Wash your hands with your children to show them how it's done. To prevent rushing, suggest washing their hands for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. You might place hand-washing reminders at children's eye level, such as a chart by the bathroom sink for children to mark every time they wash their hands. If your children can't reach the sink on their own, keep a stepstool handy.

Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are OK for children and adolescents, too, especially when soap and water isn't available. Make sure the sanitizer completely dries before your child touches anything. Store the container safely away after use.

Hand washing is especially important for children in child care settings. Young children cared for in groups outside the home are at greater risk of respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases, which can easily spread to family members and other contacts. Be sure your child care provider promotes frequent hand washing or use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Ask whether the children are required to wash their hands several times a day — not just before meals. Note, too, whether diapering areas are cleaned after each use and whether eating and diapering areas are well separated.

A simple way to stay healthy
Hand washing doesn't take much time or effort, but it offers great rewards in terms of preventing illness. Adopting this simple habit can play a major role in protecting your health.



The Flu: What To Do If You Get Sick

How do I know if I have the flu?

You may have the flu if you have some or all of these symptoms:

fever*
cough
sore throat
runny or stuffy nose
body aches
headache
chills
fatigue
sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

How long should I stay home if I'm sick?

CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other things you have to do and no one else can do for you. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®.) You should stay home from work, school, travel, shopping, social events, and public gatherings.

This information is provided for your safety by the Tribal Health Clinic, Safety Committee and Office of Public Affairs



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2-day festival offers a chance to learn

Native American Heritage Days aims to break stereotypes

(Submitted by LRBOI Tribal Member Teresa Webb)



By Mark Ambrogi

Posted: August 29, 2010

Rebecca Martin wanted to dispel many of the stereotypes about Native Americans in Indiana.

Martin said because Indiana does not have any reservations or a large group of Indian people living together, many impressions come from TV or movies.

"We get stereotyped that all Indian people live in teepees, all Indians wear headdress or all Indians are from the Southwest," Martin, president of the Indiana Native American Cultural Association, said Saturday. "We wanted to break those stereotypes and tell about the different tribes around the country. There are differences within the Native American population. There are more than 500 tribes in [the United States](#)."

To help that educational process, the association and the office of Mayor Greg Ballard are having the second annual Native American Heritage Days Festival this weekend at Garfield Park.

The two-day event concludes with today's session from noon to 5 p.m., including a powwow with dance and children's activities.

An extra day was added this year. Hundreds of people attended Saturday.

Martin has a rich background, being raised in Acoma Pueblo in New [Mexico](#).

"It is the oldest continually inhabited village in North America," Martin said. "My village dates back to 1100."

After living in Indianapolis for 20 years, Martin, 65, and her husband recently closed their business and plan to return to New Mexico.

Charli Champion-Shaw, a professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, is the event's educational adviser.

"We're trying to help people understand the difference between having Native American ancestry and what it is to be a tribal citizen," Champion-Shaw said.

Champion-Shaw, who was born and raised in Indiana, is a member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho nation in [Oklahoma](#).

"People don't know how to construct who they are when they're not connected to their tribe," Champion-Shaw said. "What happens in that absence of that family relationship or tribal guidance is that they turn to media. We have these kids that think their grandparents might have been Sioux, so they watch 'Dances with

Wolves' and then try to mimic what it means to be Sioux instead of connecting with their culture."

Virgil Lewis wanted to make that connection to his heritage. Lewis had little exposure to the culture until two years ago, when he made the decision to learn.

The 42-year-old Indianapolis auto mechanic began attending powwows and learned to dance. Lewis, who is learning to speak the Potawatomi language, is serving as the head male dancer at the event.

"It's been a really good journey," Lewis said of embracing his ancestry.

Lewis descended from many different tribes. "Kind of like Heinz 57," he said.

He said he wanted to learn about the Sioux because of his paternal grandfather's heritage.

Lewis' nephew, Dakota, 11, is getting the exposure his uncle didn't.

Dakota said he enjoys "that we all come together and dance."

Utilities Department

From the Utilities Department,

We are pleased to announce that the Utilities Department has been awarded a grant from the Department of Rural Housing and Economic Development for an upgrade to the septage receiving station.

Tribal council has approved the acceptance of funds for the grant and we are in the process of hiring a project manager (engineer) to assist in this project.

Later this year the MDNRE rules change for the septic haulers in that they are required to bring any septage pumped to a treatment station if they obtain that septage within 25 miles of a receiving station.

With the new rule, the upgrade will provide for the needed improvements to accommodate an increase in flow. Since inception of the septic receiving station, revenue generated is over \$185,000 for the department. This helps offset the costs for the septage receiving and provides a service that is environmentally friendly as we treat the septage at the wastewater treatment plant prior to land application of the sewage.

Our department would like to thank HUD for this grant opportunity and all those involved from preliminary discussions, engineering (Kewngong), grant writing, approvals, RFQ writing and general phone calls questions.....There are too many people to mention here, we thank all of you for your assistance!

Megwetch,
Gary, Sally, Rod and Josh

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is requesting proposals from qualified companies in the following areas: HVAC Services and Hardware Suppliers.

**To request a bid packet,
email mlucas@lrboi.com
Deadline to request a bid packet is 10/08/2010**

Naagadoodaa Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Meeting

The Naagadoodaa Anishinaabe Bimaadizwin, group, would like invite Traditional Tribal Citizens to join us to discuss issues of cultural importance.

The Naagadoodaa Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin group was created so the Traditional Practitioners of our Tribe could discuss concerns of a cultural matter.

The sole purpose for these meetings is to provide access to our cultural heritage, traditional and ceremonial lifeways, and the belief that our cultural heritage should be passed on, preserved and be an important part in our everyday lives.

Together we can bring back our cultural lifeways.

**COME AND JOIN US IN SOME THOUGHT PROVOKING
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Time: 12:00

Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Location: Justice Center, Peacemaking/ Probation Office

Please bring a dish to pass



Dan Shepard Tribal Planner, working with Yvonne Parsons and Holly Davis, have arranged for Mr. Jim Sluyter, the Farming Coordinator with the Michigan Land Use Institute to bring Training Indigenous Farmers to The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on October 19 and 20th at the new Community Center. The training is scheduled from 6:30 PM to 9PM both days.

Training Indigenous Farmers: The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee County has initiated a community gardening project and aspires to a larger agricultural program for their Elder Housing Development. There is a need for growers to receive basic training in soils, planting, season extension and other field operations

before they can become productive farmers able to both produce subsistence crops and possible products for market. Craig Schaaf of Golden Rule Farm, with small farm and teaching experience, will be the lead instructor for these in-depth training sessions.

Contact Jim Sluyter for more information at 231-941-6584 extension 15 or fax 231-929-0937.

<http://www.localdifference.org/getfarming/>

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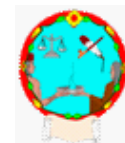


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Come out and join us for our monthly Peacemaking Talking Circle



Aanii piish (where) ... Justice Center
Wenesh pii (when). September 27th at 5:30
NOTE: The meeting is the last Monday of every month.

“Leadership”

When the topic of leadership experience is brought up in conversation, people often quickly move to their safe corner and proclaim their “years of experience.” If we’re serious about developing our leadership skills, we must first be honest with ourselves. Do we really have ten years experience in a position... or the same year of experience repeated ten times?

I often think about this concept as weeds versus trees.

Weeds, whether you want them to or not, come back year after year and follow the same growth pattern. However, you can’t do much with a weed – it doesn’t provide food, you can’t build with them and they don’t provide shelter. The parallel in our leadership experience to weeds is doing the day-to-day management busy work that doesn’t move our team or mission forward. It’s refilling the paper tray in the printer, filling out routine paperwork (think TPS reports) and setting up meetings.

Trees require work, patience, the right environment and time. They don’t start over year after year but build from the previous year’s progress to reach spectacular heights. Trees are invaluable in that they can provide food, shelter, fuel and a valuable resource to build with. In our leadership experience, these are activities that require effort and sacrifice but lead to real growth and real experience. They may entail tackling tough situations, leading teams that are in disarray, conflict management, instituting streamlined policies, or leading by example in the arena of ethics.

Age happens automatically but growth does not. Grow like you mean it and draw from the lessons taught in nature. Next time you see a tree, you’ll see the example of how to do just that.

D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas (Odawa) is a nationally acclaimed motivational storyteller, leadership expert and author of the celebrated book, “The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement” which is printed in six countries. D.J. inspires others to apply the principles of the Native American warrior spirit in business and life. He can be reached at (719) 282-7747 or at <http://www.nativediscovery.com>. Visit his website at: www.nativediscovery.com “Building the warriors of tomorrow...today.”

New Woman’s Group

The Kwewok Group, a native women’s group is meeting the 3rd Tuesday every month from noon-5pm at the Old Community Center on US 31 in Manistee. Some of their current projects are the LRBOI Princess Committee, Drumming, Beadwork, Regalia Making, Elders Christmas and a variety show. We gladly welcome new members to come join us!!!

For more information contact
Deb Davis at 231.398. 6724.

Parenting Class Comes in September

Positive Indian Parenting: Honoring Our Children By Honoring our Traditions



LRBOI Family Services Department will again be offering Positive Indian Parenting class once a week in Manistee beginning September 23rd through November 11th from 5:30-7:30 pm at former Community Center.

The eight-week curriculum was developed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association to provide a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Indian parents. The goals of the program are to help Indian parents: 1) explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional Indian child-rearing practices, and to apply them to modern parenting skills and 2) develop positive attitudes, values and skills that have roots in their cultural heritage.

Positive Indian Parenting draws on the cultural strengths of Native American child-rearing. The material in this curriculum has been developed through extensive consultation with tribal elders, Native American social welfare professionals and parents. The result is a curriculum that focuses on the positive values of the traditional ways as a model and seeks to help parents decide for themselves what kind of parent they want to be.

Included in the eight sessions are:

- Traditional Parenting – history, cultural strengths
- Lessons of the Storyteller – communication, values, observation
- Lessons of the Cradleboard – bonding nurturing, development
- Harmony in Childrearing – balance, family structure, self-control, prevention
- Traditional Behavioral Management – guidelines, limits, discipline
- Lessons of Mother Nature – living skills, social skills
- Praise in Traditional Parenting – positive reinforcement skills
- Choices in Parenting – setting goals, what kind of parent you want to be

The class incorporates traditional components such as smudging, prayers in the Anishnabe language, Seven Grandfather teachings, the talking feather, and giveaways. Guest speakers may be invited from time to time to share storytelling, singing, cradleboard demonstration, or tribal ceremonies and customs.

We welcome single mothers and fathers, two-parent families, grandparents, perspective parents, step-parents, foster parents, or anyone who is facing the challenge of raising children. The class accepts referrals from the courts, DHS, local schools, and other tribal departments as a culturally appropriate alternative to other parenting programs offered in the community.

Even if you are not actively raising children you might find the class fun and informative. Past participants have said that whether they had a happy childhood or a difficult one, they gained a new understanding of their parents and themselves by examining their own family dynamics. We especially invite elders to come and share their experience and knowledge with our younger parents.

There is no charge for the class and a light supper will be provided, as well as weekly gifts for participants. For more information or to register for the class please stop by the Family Services Department office at 1762 US-31 S (across from KFC) or contact: **Kathy Lagerquist 231-398-6705** or **Shelly Kequam 231-398-6707**



*All children are gifts from the Creator.
They help us find out who and what we are as human beings.*



Comments from past participants:
“I loved this program...it helped me more than you’ll ever know.”
“It should be twice a day! Keep it going.”

“I loved being able to exchange ideas with other parents.”

“Extend it longer than eight weeks.”

“My favorite part was passing the feather around and sharing stories.”

MEMBERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE ATTORNEY CAN PROVIDE **FREE** LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO **ALL** TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Members Legal Assistance Attorney (“Attorney”) is now a full time position which allows for greater assistance to Tribal Members. The Attorney urges all Tribal members to call with any legal issue they encounter. The Attorney will meet with Tribal members in the Muskegon office with an advanced appointment. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE ATTORNEY’S ASSISTANCE.

The Attorney cannot appear in court with a Tribal Member or assist with issues that involve the Tribe, but can assist with providing legal guidance and drafting of documents, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Estate Planning. The Attorney can draft Wills, Power of Attorneys, Medical Power of Attorneys and Trusts.
2. Real Estate. The Attorney can assist with the purchase, sale or transfer of real estate. The attorney can assist with foreclosures or forfeitures.
3. Landlord – Tenant. The Attorney can assist with evictions or any other issues with a landlord or a tenant.
4. Divorce/Custody/Support. The Attorney can assist if a Tribal Member is involved in a divorce, has issues with child custody, visitation, or child support.
5. Probate of Estates. The Attorney can assist with probating a deceased’s Will in state or tribal court.
6. Criminal Matters. The Attorney can give legal advice if a Tribal Member is charged with a criminal offense and explain the legal process. This includes juvenile offenses.
7. Civil Matters. The Attorney can give legal advice if a Tribal Member is involved in a civil lawsuit. While the Attorney cannot officially represent the Member in court, the Attorney has been successful at resolving Civil Lawsuits without appearing in court. This includes accusations of abuse or neglect of a child against a parent.
8. Paternity, DNA testing, Birth Certificates. The Attorney can assist Tribal Members in establishing paternity, including the use of DNA testing, and making changes to birth certificates.
9. Guardianships and Conservatorships. The Attorney can assist in obtaining Guardianships and Conservatorships for minors or for persons who are unable to care for themselves.
10. Driver’s Licenses. The Attorney can assist Tribal members who are trying to get their driver’s license restored through the Secretary of State.
11. General Legal Advice. The Attorney can give general legal advice for any type of legal issue that a Tribal Member may have except for issues that involve the Tribe.

Reminder: If you are served with a Summons and Complaint contact the Attorney IMMEDIATELY for assistance.

Mary K. Witkop - Members Legal Assistance Attorney
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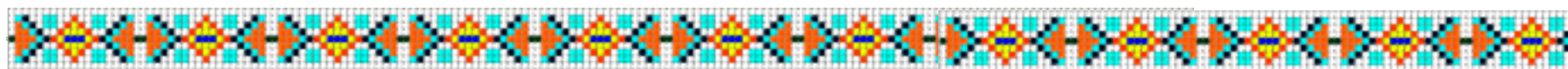
With its main agenda aimed at bringing the benefits of a modern communications infrastructure to all Native communities, the new office will work to promote the deployment and adoption of communications services and technologies throughout Indian Country by, among other things, ensuring robust government-to-government consultation with tribal governments and increased

coordination with Native organizations.

“The Office of Native Affairs and Policy is a historic milestone and the culmination of many years of effort by leaders in Indian Country and at the FCC,” said Geoffrey Blackwell, who heads the office. “There is a lot of good hard work that remains on the path ahead. As tribal nations and Native communities exercise their sovereignty and self-determination to ensure a bright future for their generations, the entire agency now has a new capability to engage with them. Many people throughout the FCC have worked diligently on behalf of tribes for a number of years. ...”

The office, which will be part of the FCC’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, will handle ongoing consultation and coordination with American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, Native Hawaiian organizations and other Native and tribal entities and will be the official commission contact point for these activities.

Falmouth Institute Air Blog



FireKeepers Pays Off Early!



EMMETT TOWNSHIP — The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, the Native American tribe that owns FireKeepers Casino, said today it paid off a \$35 million loan four years earlier than its due date.

According to a press release, the loan was used to purchase FireKeepers’ 2,680 slot machines.

The tribe paid off the loan on Aug. 12, a year after the casino in Emmett Township opened its doors. The casino is located on Interstate 94, just east of Battle Creek.

“Paying off this loan four years in advance attests to the success of FireKeepers Casino,” Tribal Chairperson Homer A. Mandoka said in the release. “The Tribal Council accomplished this on behalf of its 1,146 tribal members.”

The \$300 million casino employs 1,500 workers. It’s owned by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, but managed by a separate company, Gaming Entertainment Michigan LLC. Gaming Entertainment is a joint venture between Full House Resorts Inc. and RAM Entertainment LLC, a privately owned investment company.
(Alex Nixon – Kalamazoo Gazette)

(Kateri Circle)

“A
bit of sunshine, a
drop of rain, a puff of life from the
Great Spirit as He gently breathed upon
that spot, created the Native Americans. They were
well formed and agile, copper colored and proud.

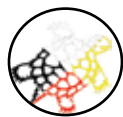
--Harriet Starleaf Gumbs, SHINNECOCK

We are made in the image of the Great Spirit. A long time ago He breathed life into our ancestors. He made the Indian strong. He created a Warrior. Our ancestors created more warriors. We have been tested throughout the seasons and we are still here, stronger than ever. It is good to be Indian. We are proud of ourselves and our ancestors. Mostly we are proud the Great Spirit has never forsaken us, and continues to guide us.

My Creator, let me live my life today in a way that would make my ancestors proud. Let me remember each month that I am here to serve You. Today let me conduct my life in a way that also would make You proud



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Government Closes for the following Holidays

- *New Years Day
- *Treaty Recognition Day
- *Memorial Day
- *Independence Day
- *Labor Day
- *Reaffirmation Day (September 21st)
- *Veteran's Day
- *Thanksgiving Day
- *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- *Christmas Day

Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.

Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure.

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,
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Attention all Tribal Members

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Binojeeuk	2 openings
LRCR Board	2 openings

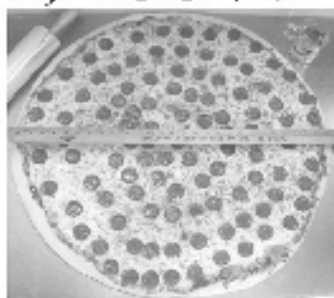
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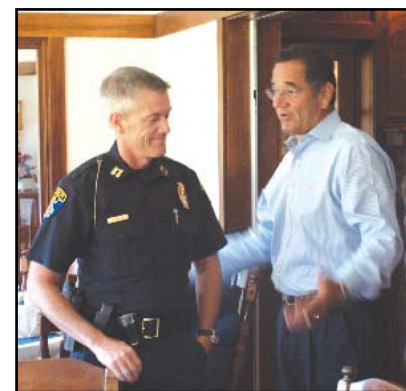
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Tribal Public Safety Director Joseph LaPorte was honored at a luncheon held August 19th at the Manistee Golf and Country Club. The Luncheon, organized by Lt. David DeForest, gave officers and co-workers an opportunity to thank Director LaPorte for his years of service and to congratulate him on his new job with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in Washington D.C. He starts in D.C. on the 13th of September.

Attending the luncheon was Ogema Larry Romanelli who thanked Joe for his years of service and expressed pride in Joe's accomplishments in taking on this new important task in Washington for all Native People. Also attending was long-time friend, Manistee Police Chief David Bachman and Captain Chris VanCompernelle from the Pokagon Tribal Police Department. Numerous other officers and Executive Branch staff attended to wish Joe well.

Former Ogema Johnnie "Jay" Sam, for whom LaPorte served when organizing the Tribal Police Department offered a prayer in our language at the start of the luncheon.



"Aanii... I just wanted to re-introduce myself. I'm Jamie Yenchar formerly Jamie Pike.

I have been hired as the new Domestic Violence Coordinator through the Family Services Department.

I am returning to work at Little River, as I took a year off and went back to Western Michigan

University. It was a busy year for me, as I completed the one year accelerated Master's of Social Work program.

I graduated in May of 2010 and am truly fortunate to be here again! It is a great honor for me to be able to work with fellow Tribal members.

As the Domestic Violence Coordinator, I will be continuing the Domestic Violence Awareness programs currently offered and beginning new services such as victim advocating, service coordination, and the development of new relationships within our communities. I am already getting prepared for October 2010, the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month with activities and displays!

I am also going to be attending the Fall Membership Meeting.

I hope to see many of you there!

Oh, and just a reminder to keep up with the Little River Currents and Rapid River News for the upcoming events in October! "



My name is Joseph Riley II. I am originally from Muskegon, Michigan. I moved to Manistee about five years ago to work at the Little River Casino Resort.

I was recently offered a job as an Enrollment Assistant at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, which I accepted.

I enjoy working for my Tribe and all the new things it is teaching me.

I am married to Wendi Riley and we have 3 children together.

An 11 year old son and 2 daughters ages 7 years and 18 months.

My hobbies include spending time with my family, camping, hiking and bicycling. I also enjoy reading and making my own beer and wine at home.





The LRBOI tribal government has been taking many small steps to help save the Tribal dollars to be more responsible with their expenditures. Here's one example that just came out.

The Purchasing Office released figures showing that in all of 2009, the government spent \$1,560.04 on pens and pencils. By putting into place a core list of preferred office supplies, so far in 2010, the government has spent just \$68 on pens and pencils, saving \$1,491.88.

This is just an example of one of the items of this core list.



The Facts about Wind Energy's Emissions Savings

(Submitted by Tribal Planning Department – Dan Shepard)

Recent data and analyses have made it clear that the emissions savings from adding wind energy to the grid are even larger than had been commonly thought. In addition to each kWh of wind energy directly offsetting a kWh that would have been produced by a fossil-fired power plant, new analyses show that wind plants further reduce emissions by forcing the most polluting and inflexible power plants offline and causing them to be replaced by more efficient and flexible types of generation.

At the same time and in spite of the overwhelming evidence to the contrary, the fossil fuel industry has launched an increasingly desperate misinformation campaign to convince the American public that wind energy does not actually reduce carbon dioxide emissions. As a result, we feel compelled to set the record straight on the matter, once and for all:

http://www.awea.org/newsroom/pdf/08-27-10_Wind_and_emissions_response.pdf

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USDA Income
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
Net Monthly Income Standards
October 1, 2009 & October 1, 2010

Household Size Income Limits

1. \$ 1,044.00
2. \$ 1,356.00
3. \$ 1,667.00
4. \$ 1,991.00
5. \$ 2,329.00
6. \$ 2,666.00
7. \$ 2,978.00
8. \$ 3,290.00

For each additional member add
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Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
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Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program
Office # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715

Tax-Exempt Quotas

**Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 20 packs per Tribal member.**

New procedures coming for tax-exempt purchases at Little River Trading Post

Watch the Rapid River News and notices at the Little River Trading Post for more information as it becomes available.

Notice Regarding Tribal Member Tax-Exempt Fuel Purchases

Tax-exempt fuel can only be purchased for the personal use of the Tribal Member. A Tribal member cannot purchase tax-exempt fuel for a vehicle that is being used by a non-Tribal member. The penalty is \$100 for each offense.

Excerpt from Tax Regulations (#R100-AC-08)

3-8. *Civil Penalties; Remedies.*

b. Any person who violates Section 3-7(a) by purchasing tax-exempt motor fuel products for, or selling tax-exempt motor fuel to, any person not entitled to purchase the same under the terms of the Tax Agreement shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each transaction by a person which violates Section 3-7(b) shall be treated as a separate offense.

The fuel discount will not be given for two separate vehicles at one purchase! Do not ask for this exemption unless the second vehicle is being towed or is on a trailer pulled by the vehicle the Tribal member is using.

Elders Conference at LRBOI

The Annual Fall Elders Conference is set for November 6 & 7, Saturday and Sunday at Little River Casino Resort in Manistee, MI.

**The budgeted format will be the same as last year:
November 6, Saturday, one night's stay at the Resort.**

Call June Sam at 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6880 for reservations.

Saturday lunch served at noon in the Conference Center with Saturday night dinner served at 6 pm in the conference center. Sunday morning breakfast will be served at 7 am in the conference center. Noon dismissal!

**Elders welcoming bag will contain a gas card from BP gas station and a food coupon for any Resort outlet and will be given at time of registration.
The meeting agenda will be handed out with the registration.**



October 2010- Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Family Services Department will be doing a variety of activities in Manistee and Muskegon this year in order to create an Awareness of Domestic Violence in October.

A **Clothesline Project** will be available through the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department, beginning in September and going through October. This will be the beginning of our display that we hope to continue to add to throughout the years. The Clothesline Project allows people who have been affected by domestic violence to pass on their messages or illustrations of domestic violence to others. White t-shirts and art supplies will be available at the Family Services Department in Manistee, Muskegon, and at Every

Woman's Place located at 1221 W Laketon, Muskegon. A workshop to complete shirts will be offered at the Muskegon Office on September 16 at 1:30pm and at Every Woman's Place on September 23 at 10:30am, September 27 at 4:30pm, October 7 at 4pm, October 9 at 10am, and October 22 at 1:30pm. Completed t-shirts will be put on display in Manistee and Muskegon. For additional information the Domestic Violence Coordinator, Jamie Yenchar can be contacted at 231-398-6723.

The Family Services Department and Every Woman's Place of Muskegon would like to announce the **Take Back the Night** Walk event has been scheduled for **October 7th in Muskegon**. The event will be held at **Heritage Landing** beginning at **6pm and will go until 8pm**. The Walk will begin at 6pm at Shoreline Inn and Suites, it will conclude at Heritage Landing (about a 1 mile walk). At the rally there will be poems and stories read, a time for open microphone for anyone to share their story, displays, giveaways, light refreshments, and a mix of diverse cultural presentations. For additional information the Domestic Violence Coordinator, Jamie Yenchar can be contacted at 231-398-6723.

The **Take Back the Night walk in Manistee** is in process of scheduling, but make sure to check the Rapid River News and the LRBOI website for the upcoming date!

Domestic Violence is a widespread problem for all people. In some way or another we are affected by it! Here are some facts from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

***One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.**

***85% of domestic violence victims are women.**

***Historically, females have been most often victimized by someone they knew.**

***Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.**

***The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.**

***Victims of intimate partner violence lost almost 8 million days of paid work because of the violence perpetrated against them by current or former husbands, boyfriends and dates. This loss is the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs and almost 5.6 million days of household productivity as a result of violence.**



Elders Bid

The LRBOI Elders Committee is taking bids to provide next year's lunches for the Elders meetings.

The bids must be based on the following:

- Protein
- Starch
- Vegetable
- Bread
- Salad
- Dessert

Please have them send the bids to June Sam at Aki Maadiziwin. Phone number is 231.398.6880.



Jackie Red Woman, Native American from the Ottawa Nation, lives in Central Wisconsin

"In 1991 Creator chose people from all races, from every corner of the world and from all walks of life. They were gifted with an energy never felt on Mother Earth before. Their lives would be turned upside down, and chaos would rein for them until they turned their lives in a new direction, to their new 'mission' as healers. Thus forming a 'web' of healers around the Earth"

Thus Jackie's journey as a healer began in 1991, although she would not learn of the 'prophecy' involved until years later. She will share her life experiences as a healer and the lessons she has learned along the way.



Members of the First Nations and Native Americans Born in Canada

The Jay Treaty, signed in 1794 between Great Britain and the United States, provided that American Indians could travel freely across the international boundary. The United States has codified this obligation in the provisions of Section 289 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) as amended. Native Indians born in Canada are therefore entitled to enter the United States for the purpose of employment, study, retirement, investing, and/or immigration.

Qualifying as an American Indian born in Canada
In order to qualify under Section 289 of the INA, eligible persons must provide evidence of their American Indian background to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection (DHS/CBP) officer at the intended Port of Entry. The documentation must be sufficient to show the bearer has at least fifty percent of American Indian race. Such a person may then be admitted without a visa.

Generally such evidence would include either an identification card from the Ministry of Indian and Northern Affairs or a written statement from an official of the tribe from which you or your ancestors originate - substantiated by documentary evidence (tribe records and civil long form birth certificate bearing names of parents). Such a statement would be on the tribe's official letterhead and should explicitly state what percentage American Indian blood you or your parents possess, based on official documents/records. You should also provide photograph identification, such as a driver's license or passport.

The INA does not distinguish between "treaty" and "non-treaty" or "status" and "non-status" Indians as determined by Canadian law. The only relevant factor is whether the individual has at least 50% American Indian blood. Similarly, letters or identification cards from Metis associations generally cannot be accepted, as the Metis are not an Indian Tribe. If such identification helps to establish that an individual is at least 50% American Indian, however, it can also be included with other conclusive evidence.

New Documentation Requirements

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) is the implementation plan for Section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorist Protection Act of 2004. It requires generally that all travelers into the United States must be documented with a passport or other WHTI designated document. The first phase began in January, 2007 and affected those entering by air.

Beginning January 31, 2008, verbal declarations of citizenship (or Indian status) alone were no longer acceptable as proof of citizenship (or status) at any U.S. land-border and seaport Port of Entry. The Indian Affairs Canada card (INAC) and Tribal Enrollment cards, with an affixed photo, as well as any duly-issued attestation to 51% Indian blood (accompanied by a government-issued photo ID such as a driver's license or Provincial Health Card,) will be accepted and will serve as an identity document for all Native American Indians. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has been, and continues to work with the various tribal organizations in both the U.S. and Canada to develop an identification that will be WHTI compliant.

The final phase, affecting those entering by land or sea, will go into effect at a date to be announced, but no later than June, 2009. Both DHS and the De-

partment of State are aware of the concerns of American Indians regarding changes resulting from implementation of the WHTI.

Applying for U.S. Permanent Resident Status (Green Card)

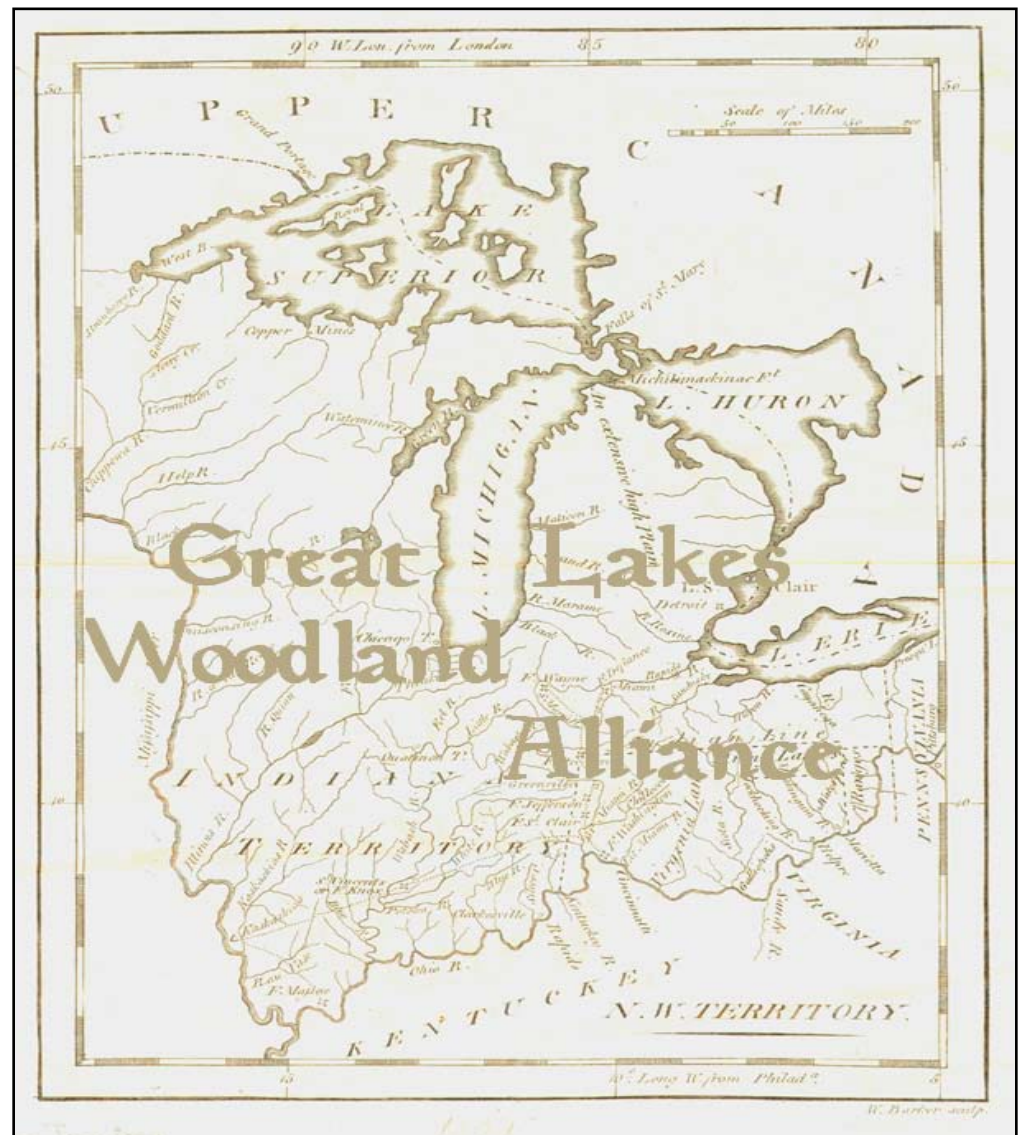
Subsection 289.3 of the Combined Federal Regulations (8 CFR PART 289) provides guidance requiring that any Canadian-born American Indian who declares intention to move to the U.S. and reside or work, that upon initial entry at a land-border Port of Entry, they declare the intention to live and/or work in the U.S., provide CBP with documentation proving American Indian status, and complete a Form I-181, Creation of Record.

The I-181 begins the process in which a Canadian-born American Indian is afforded PR standing and issued an I-551, Permanent Resident card (also called a 'green card'). This process is NOT an application for status, but simply the initial action required in order to convey - within the law - the appropriate status as authorized under the Jay Treaty. A Canadian-born American Indian cannot be denied PR status, but is required to complete the I-181 in order to receive any benefits under U.S. federal law.

Persons granted permanent resident alien status will be issued a resident I-551 (green card) by DHS. Recipients are entitled to all rights and privileges accorded legal immigrants to the United States, including if they desire, eventual naturalization as American citizens and the right to sponsor immediate family members into the United States. Resident aliens are entitled to file on behalf of a spouse and unmarried children if they are not also eligible to be admitted under Section 289 of the INA.

For additional information please go to the following U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) website. Once on the USCIS homepage, click on 'Laws & Regulations' in the grey-colored banner along the top of the page. Then on the next page, click on the link to 'Immigration Handbooks, Manuals, and Policy Guidance'. This will open another page where you click on the 'Adjudicators Field Manual' link. Scroll down to Chapter 23.8, Section 289 cases. This will describe the process on how to obtain evidence of lawful status in the U.S. - which is the green card.

Entering the U.S.



TRIBAL YOUTH WORK CREW TAKES PRIDE IN A JOB WELL DONE!

CELEBRATES WITH A FEAST OF BIZHIKI, KOOKOOSH, MIINIWAA WAAWAASHKESH WIIYAAS...WHICH WAS ALSO "WELL DONE".

By Austen J. Brauker

The last few months have been full of activity. The youth work crew, with funding from the commerce department for their wages, was able to complete several weeks of hard work at several tribally owned locations, including the Pow-wow grounds, the Indian Village property and a little bit over at the old community center. The youth erected five lodges made from bent saplings in the traditional style of our ancestors, although we are now using canvas tarps to cover them, and twine for tying them together. The youth learned how to work together toward the completion of a common goal, and that it takes a lot of people, with much effort and time, to make a strong lodge, but only one person, with very little effort, to take a lodge apart. Another lesson was: that by itself, a single lodge pole can easily be broken, but when many are tied together, and the force is spread out over all of the poles within the entire structure; they are very hard to break.

Time was spent in talking circles as well, where we talked about work ethic, how to write resumes and how to get personal and professional letters of reference, and the importance of continuing an education. We talked about the job market and how, especially in this economic climate, there are people waiting in line for jobs. We used talking circles to discuss what we would do on a certain day, what work would be done, and to solve conflicts that occurred during the work day. Since we were paying these youth to work, we expected them to stay busy, but we did not expect a certain amount of work to get done, just that they were to keep working at their own pace, staying occupied, working together as a team, and not causing distractions. The work ratio was about 3 to 1, of "basic labor" to "educational labor." The youth would complete 3 days of trash removal, pulling weeds, watering trees, hauling firewood etc. to 1 day of lodge building. The lodge building then seemed more like a break to them when they finally got the chance to get back to it (even though it was labor intensive as well). Comparatively, building lodges didn't seem so bad to them after they had been carting out wheelbarrows full of glass and metal or pulling invasive plant species in the August heat.

On the last day of work, we had a feast that was open for anyone wishing to attend. This feast consisted of waawaashkeshooNs tenderloins, fresh from that very morning, a mino-gizhep indeed, which was also accompanied by bizhiki-burgers and kookoosh-dogs, with pikwezhigan in the shape of buns, and of course, our trusty piniik, in the form of salted chips. The youth were very proud

of their work on the lodges, especially getting the chance to use the jiibaakwe-gamig, to prepare their own miijim, directly over the mishomis-ishkoday. Before we ate, an anamiwin of thanks was given from one of the youth participants, and a spirit plate of food was given for the lodge itself, and for all our ancestors. Two migizi flew over us right then, while this miijim was being offered through the fire, flying very low and very slow, swooping down over the cooking lodge, to let us know that they were watching from above. The youth were very happy to get this message, which seemed to be confirmation for all their efforts.

These lodges were also made available for use by other events taking place at the Pow-wow grounds, such as the Healing Spirit of Recovery weekend and the fall ceremonies gathering, which is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 25-28. The lodges will be taken down this fall and re-erected out at the Indian Village property and used for the camp program to take place out there, as sleeping and utility or storage lodges. That program will formally be starting next spring, though we want to do a test run with volunteers to explore the educational aspects of the program before it gets too cold. We will make an announcement calling for youth to volunteer who want to help us test out the program elements and let us know what they like and don't like about the various sections. These categories include tracking, fire building, survival skills, plant and tree identification, learning constellations and listening to cultural stories, among delving into other wilderness related topics.

If you get a chance to make it out to the Pow-wow grounds, the lodges built by the youth work crew are located in the field on the south side of the camping area. (Look for the four directional colors posted there). Many people have asked that the lodges not be taken down, but left up for the community to use, and for curious folks to look at, especially for those people who are looking to see some tipis when they come here. The sapling lodges are a better example of what we really used in this area as a woodland tribe, and not the Hollywood image of the plains tribes tipis that has been stuck into a lot of people's minds. According to one of our tribal police officers, people asking where they can "look at the tipis" is a frequent occurrence, as much as a weekly question, which they then have to explain to the curious visitors. I guess this would be something that the community would have to decide upon, pending approval of course, but we are open to whatever people want to do with them. We only request that people are respectful when they go

there, because our kids really worked hard to make these lodges. They are for teaching and learning and sharing. It would be no problem, to leave them at the tribal campground and another chance for teaching the building process over again to a new group of kids out at the Indian Village property.

Interlochen Public Radio came out to Indian Village for the opening ceremony and did a story about the youth work crew and Indian Village Camp, which is available to be heard or read on their website at the following link: <http://ipr.interlochen.org/ipr-news-features/episode/9734> Thanks to Nancy Kelsey from IPR for doing such a nice job with this report. Also: Thanks to the many representatives of the Tribal Council, the Executive Branch and the Tribal Court for their attendance at this opening as well. We appreciate the efforts that everyone made to make this program work. Without all of your input this would not have happened. Thanks to the youth and crew leaders who participated.

Parting thought: On the first day, during the opening ceremony, we had a talking circle. The youth were asked to speak about why they were there, or maybe what their expectations were, basically, what brought them to this circle. A good portion of them, maybe even most of them, mentioned "to make money" as their primary motivation. At the closing talking circle they were asked the same question as to "what did you gain out of this work program." They talked about having made friends, having done good for their community, having had fun, and having learned a little bit more about their culture. An adult leader who was at both circles pointed out that during the closing circle, not a single one of them mentioned the word money.





Family Reunion in Brethren

Over 100 attended the Family Reunion on August 8, at the Brethren Park. Fun and Games, good food with lots of memories made. Organizers of the event were Bonnie Kenny, Erford Edmondson, Annie Avery, Sandy Mezeske, and Connie Waitner.



Front: Anna Jean Sams Guenthardt, Anna Mae Sams Lempke, Katie Sam Glocheski, John Pete, Elsie Pete Waite, Back: Sherman Moore, Mary Pete McCauley, Al Medacco, Lillian Pete Varney, and June Sam.



Happy Birthday Mathew Sandel!
10 years old!
I can't believe how grown up you are
You know God looks at your face and smiles. We love you

very much!

Love Mommy Eagle, Hannah, Fern, Grama, Grandpa, Candice and Petey

Happy Birthday Fern Marie Eagle!

You ate my shoes, chewed the remote, sat on me while I tried to sleep, barked in my ear as I tried to watch the news.

But you also... Ran to the door excited to see me, you cuddled me when I was feeling sad, you brought me a sock like it was a present.
But most of all... You show our family love!

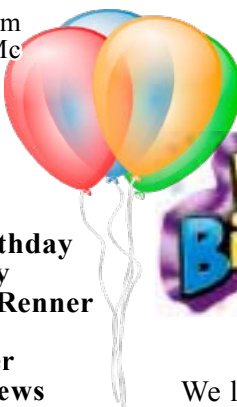
Ten things I am grateful for:

1. I am grateful for God
2. I am grateful for my family
3. I am grateful for our health
4. I am grateful for love
5. I am grateful for my intelligence
6. I am grateful for the kindness of strangers
7. I am grateful for God's forgiveness
8. I am grateful for my children's smiles
9. I am grateful for the sun and moon
10. I am grateful that I can be grateful
Angela Shining Water Eagle

It's a Boy!

Matthew Stone and Lisa Six are the proud parents of Kolton Luca Stone born July 31, 2010 Kolton weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Maria and Scott Maddox and Sidney Six and paternal grandparents are Debra and Donald Stone. Kolton joins his siblings Mason and Landon Tennant and Malach, Silas and Elijah Stone.



Happy Birthday
Lori Fraley
Cheyenne Renner
Lori King
Deb Renner
Dale Mathews
Yvonne Theodore
Sandy Renner



Happy Birthday to
Mike Ceplina.
We love you - Melanie & kids
Happy Birthday to
Kateri Ceplina

Happy Birthday to Kayla Garber, from Grandma and Grandpa Lonn – May your day be special
Happy Birthday to Travis Oleniczak from Aunt Diane and Uncle Dave
Happy Birthday to Diane Lonn from her Husband.

BRADLEY RONALD MEMBERTO

Bradley Ronald Memberto, age 43, died tragically Wednesday evening, August 11, 2010. Bradley was born November 4, 1966 to Evelyn (Herbert) and Joseph Memberto Jr. Bradley was an avid University of Michigan football fan and a proud member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Brad enjoyed watching Oakridge Eagle football games and following Muskegon Area teams in their yearly football playoff runs. Bradley also enjoyed fishing in the countless lakes, rivers, and streams of Western Michigan.

SURVIVORS

Bradley is survived by his loving wife, Cynthia Memberto; daughters, Brooke & Nicki Vandyke; son, Ryan Glover; grandchildren, Nadia and Rene; grandmother, Marie Wheeler; mother, Evelyn Herbert; brothers, Brian & (Kim) Memberto with nieces, Elle and Olivia, and Robert Memberto with nephew, Ryan and nieces, Rylee and Raquel; many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Bradley was preceded in death by his grandparents Joseph Sr. (Grace) Memberto, Eugene Wheeler and father, Joseph Memberto Jr. and step-father, Douglas Herbert.

SERVICES were on Monday, August 16, 2010, 2:30 PM at Clock Chapel - Muskegon.

VISITATION was on Monday, 1:30 PM at Clock Life Story Funeral Home - Muskegon. MEMORIAL: In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the family. Please visit www.clockfuneralhome.com to leave a memory or sign the online guest book.

Friday August 20th, the government employees of Little River came together for a picnic at the Gathering Grounds. 300 employees and their family members spent the afternoon playing games, having a great lunch and just relaxing in the sun. The highlight however was when many of the Directors, The Ogema and one Council Member "Took one for the Team" and lined up for the Pie-in-the-Face event!

Among the many games there was a Ladder ball tournament with the following 'results' - 1st place, Linda Wissner & Amber Moore, 2nd place, Angie Stone & Mary Thomas and 3rd place to Loretta Beccaria & Sandy Mezeske.

There was also a great Horse Shoe tournament with these 'results'- 1st place, Al Stone & Clatus Clyne, 2nd place, Steve Wheeler & Frankie Medacco and 3rd place to Brian Gibson & Roger Shalifoe.

Another highlight game was the Buffalo Chip Toss. The Utility Department provided authentic 'buffalo chips' and a fierce competition for who could throw the farthest went on throughout the day. Eric Martin won with 142 feet, Frank Medacco was 2nd with 127 feet and Bob Sanders and Calvin Austen tied for third at 98 feet.

Al Stone (HR Director) brought together a fun event with some special awards to vehicles from bicycles to motorcycles to cool old trucks and cars. Winners included: 1st Place: Peoples Choice Award-1967 Mustang owned by Al Stone , Ogema Award: 1967 Mustang owned by Al Stone, Ogema Award and People's Choice Motorcycle: 2007 Vulcan Classic Kawasaki owned by Lee Iverson, Peddle Bike; a Pink Roxie Schwinn owned by Peggy Ducey, The Most Unusual Ride was the Pink Roxie decorated with streamers and ribbons with a "Pink" flair owned by Peggy Ducey. A special thanks to all the participants for bringing out their "Special Rides" to the first annual car and bike show.

There were also special games, treats and events for the young ones including face painting, a cake walk, Frisbee throw, Big Blow Up bouncy, popcorn, , Bean Bag Toss and Washer Toss, slushy and cotton candy. Also included was a great series of Bingo Games which Lee Iverson led for everyone. Lots of Winners too!

Thanks to a special group of employees who coordinated the whole event including Mary and Phil Thomas, Lee Iverson, Israel Stone, Tammy Bowen, Angie Stone, Diane Lonn, Noel Cross (lunch) and the maintenance dept.

List of Departments & participation -

Horseshoe and Ladder Ball tournament - Bill Willis & Maintenance Dept.

Accounting - Cake/Cookie Walk & Lawn Darts

Family Services - Kiddy Goody Station Slushy, Popcorn & Cotton Candy & Helping with Bingo

Health - Duck Pond and Frisbee golf (9 holes)

Human Resources - Bean Bag Toss, Car & Bike Show

Members Assistance - Bingo & Food Set up and refill

Utilities - Buffalo Chip Toss

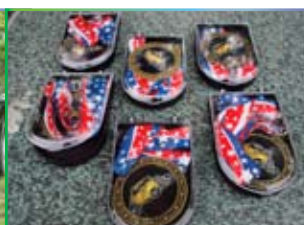
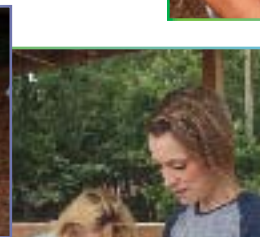
Natural Resources - Fishing Game

Public Information - Taking Pictures

Tax Office - Helping with games -

Ogema Office - Pie Throwing Contest - BBQ Pit

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